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RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF IOWA,

IN FAVOR OF

An appropriation for the survey of the line of the half-breed tract in Lee county.

FEBRUARY 11, 1853.—Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE and JOINT RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to cause the line of the half-breed tract in Lee county to be surveyed and established.

Whereas, on or about the 4th day of August, A. D. 1824, the Sac and Fox tribe or nation of Indians did conclude between themselves and the United States a certain treaty, by which they not only conveyed certain lands to the United States, but also reserved the tract of land which lies between the Des Moines and Mississippi rivers for the use of the half-breeds of said tribe or nation; and whereas said treaty, so far as the question at issue is concerned, is in these words, to wit: commencing on the Missouri river at a point opposite the middle of the mouth of the Kansas river; thence north one hundred miles; thence east to the Mississippi river;

And whereas it is represented to this General Assembly by a large and respectable body of the citizens of the State, that no survey of said line, in accordance with the terms of said treaty, has ever been made, to the manifest injury of a large number of the citizens of said State: Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the Congress of the United States be, and the same is hereby, memorialized to pass an act providing for the appointment of a commissioner to survey said line, in accordance with the terms of said treaty, and also to make an appropriation therefor.

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial and joint resolution be forwarded by the secretary of State immediately to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JAMES GRANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
W. E. LEFFINGWELL,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 22, 1853.

S. HEMPSTEAD.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, IOWA,
Iowa city, January 22, 1853.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original rolls on file
in this office,

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
Secretary of State.